

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, SP, SW  
SUBJ: SWEDISH GOVERNMENT DECLINES TO ACCEPT RELEASED BASQUE  
PRISONERS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS JUNE 2 THAT,  
ACCORDING TO MFA SPOKESMAN, SWEDEN WILL NOT GRANT ASYLUM TO  
ANY OF THE 19 BASQUE PRISONERS WHO ARE TO BE DEPORTED FROM  
SPAIN. THE SPOKESMAN TOLD REPORTERS THAT SPAIN HAS ASKED  
THE GOS IF IT IS WILLING TO GRANT ASYLUM TO THE BASQUES,  
AND THE GOS HAS REPLIED THAT, "WE CANNOT COOPERATE IN  
REACHING A SOLUTION WHICH GUARANTEES THE PERSONS IN QUESTION  
ENTRY INTO SWEDEN AND RESIDENCE HERE."

2. ACCORDING TO SPANISH GOVERNMENT SOURCES, THE PRESS REPORT  
CONTINUES, INQUIRES HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE IN FINLAND, NORWAY,  
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DENMARK, HOLLAND, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND. NORWAY HAS  
REPORTEDLY AGREED TO ACCEPT THREE OF THE 19, AND DENMARK WILL  
TAKE A DECISION WITHIN A FEW DAYS.  
END UNCLASSIFIED

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: IN RECENT MONTHS THE GOS HAS  
SUFFERED A SERIES OF PROBLEMS INVOLVING POLITICALLY-ORIENTED

IMMIGRANTS, THE MOST SERIOUS BEING THE INVOLVEMENT OF A NUMBER OF POLITICAL EXILES IN A TERRORIST PLOT TO KIDNAP A FORMER GOS MINISTER, WHICH RESULTED IN THEIR EXPULSION FROM SWEDEN. DESPITE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THAT THIS EPISODE AND OTHER TROUBLES INVOLVING FOREIGNERS HERE WOULD NOT LEAD TO ANY RESTRICTIVE CHANGE IN SWEDISH IMMIGRATION OR REFUGEE POLICY, THE GOS RESPONSE TO THE SPANISH INQUIRY MAY BE AN INDICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING MORE CAREFULLY BEFORE ACCEPTING REFUGEES OR EXILES WHO MIGHT CREATE POLITICAL TROUBLE INSIDE SWEDEN.  
PERRY

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